

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
APRIL 20, 2000

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, April 20, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

**Members present:** Yvonne Brown, Brenda Collins, Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, Patricia Puckett, William Seal, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

**Staff in attendance:** Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry L. Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Ron Marcy, Danny Seal, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Evelyn Webb, and Frankie Walton-White.

**Guest in attendance:** Ann Peyton, Mississippi State Department of Education

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:10 a.m.

**PRELIMINARIES**

The invocation was given by Brenda Collins.

**Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2000, Board Meeting**

On a motion by Patricia Puckett, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2000, Board meeting.

**Review of Agenda**

Chairman Walker asked if there were additions to the agenda. Sara Fox asked that two items be added under the Other Section of the Finance Committee Report. On a motion by William Seal, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

**Executive Director's Report**

Dr. Olon Ray asked Dr. Wayne Stonecypher to report on a meeting of the State Workforce Investment Board. Dr. Stonecypher reported that during the meeting several lengthy reports were given. Dr. Stonecypher will keep the Board advised as federal regulations are streamlined and handed down.

In response to questions raised by the Board related to contract negotiation options for EdNet, Dr. Ray read excerpts from a letter from Mr. Robert Woods, an FCC Attorney in Washington, forwarded to him by EdNet Director, Michael Gallagher. The Board had questions regarding its prerogatives in negotiating new assets through EdNet, and whether MCI WorldCom Wireless solutions has pre-emptive claim to those assets.

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Dr. Ray announced that Dr. William Lewis, the current Executive Director of the Public Education Forum, has been named President of Pearl River Community College.

Dr. Ray also shared that Dr. Evelyn Webb has been awarded the Jayne Burrows Sargent Leadership Award from Mississippi State University. The award is presented to outstanding educational leaders.

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of a newspaper article highlighting SBCJC member Brenda Collins (Exhibit A).

Dr. Ray shared with members the fact that Dr. Day's mother recently passed sway.

Dr. Ray also mentioned that Colleen Hartfield, Public Relations Director from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, would work with SBCJC staff to develop a response to be released to the press once Judge Singletary rules on the motion for preliminary injunction

### **REPORTS/ACTION**

#### **EdNet Report**

Yvonne Brown distributed a copy of a report updating SBCJC members on EdNet activities (Exhibit B). Mrs. Brown announced that EdNet Assessments have been distributed to community and junior college employees for their suggestions of how the EdNet ITFS spectrum might be used better in the future.

#### **Finance Report**

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 30, 2000, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Fund 4080 and Fund 4110, in the total amount of \$2,376,948 (Exhibit C).

Mrs. Fox presented a spreadsheet showing Mississippi Public Community and Junior College audit results for fiscal years 1997-1999 (Exhibit D). She stated that all the colleges received an "unqualified opinion" for fiscal year 1998.

Mrs. Fox presented financial statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 (Exhibit E) for the Board's information. No action was required.

Deborah Gilbert requested input from the Board as she begins to plan for the FY 2002 budget request for Support and Administration.

In other business, Sara Fox made a motion, seconded by William Seal, that the Board approve the expenditure of \$42,402.00 from a JTPA grant from the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development, for equipment, software, and contractual services (Exhibit F) for the establishment of a portal which will give information on educational opportunities, training opportunities, and employment opportunities.

Also, Deborah Gilbert discussed with the Board a spreadsheet showing calculations of funding necessary to maintain Mid Point salaries between IHL and Public Schools for community and

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junior college faculty and staff (Exhibit G).

#### Program Committee

Joanna Heidel presented a listing of programs to be removed from probation, placed on probation, or be terminated based on audited enrollment figures (Exhibit H).

Mrs. Heidel recommended that the following list of programs placed on probation last Spring by the SBCJC for low enrollment be removed from probation:

- Mason and Tile Setter - Hinds Community College, Raymond
- Carpentry - Hinds Community College, Raymond
- Vehicle Parts Operations - Hinds Community College, Raymond
- Robotics - Southwest Mississippi Community College
- Heavy Equipment Maintenance - Southwest Mississippi Community College.

Mrs. Heidel made a motion, seconded by Henry Hudspeth, that the Board remove these programs from probation inasmuch as they have increased their enrollment to the required number. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Heidel recommended that the following list of programs be placed on probation due to low enrollment:

- Vehicle Mobile Equipment - Coahoma Community College
- Construction Equipment Operation - Copiah-Lincoln Community College
- Auto Machinist - Hinds Community College, Raymond
- Plumbing - Hinds Community College, Rankin
- Commercial Vehicle Operations - Northwest Mississippi Community College, DeSoto
- Diesel Engine Machine - Pearl River Community College.

Mrs. Heidel made a motion, seconded by John Junkin, that the SBCJC place on probation these six programs due to low enrollment. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Heidel recommended that the following list of programs be terminated:

- Construction Materials - Jones County Junior College
- Machine Shop Assistant - Holmes Community College, Goodman
- Practical Nurse - Holmes Community College, Goodman
- Diesel Engine Mechanic - Mississippi Delta Community College
- Court Reporting - Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Mrs. Heidel made a motion, seconded by Henry Hudspeth, that the SBCJC terminate these five programs. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Heidel reported that copies of all new program requests are available for the Board's review. The programs will be presented to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

#### MACJC Report

Dr. Alexander reported on the following items discussed during the March 28, 2000, Mississippi

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### Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) meeting:

The MACJC successfully raised \$40,000 to recognize the PTK 2000 All-Mississippi Academic Team. Pearl River Community College Honoree, Tiffany Vines, was named to the PTK All-American First Team.

The Association discussed athletic matters.

The MACJC Legislative Committee updated the Association on possible budget funding in light of revenue shortfalls.

The Association discussed guidelines for the Mississippi Virtual Community College.

The Association received an update on the IHL-USM Gulf Park litigation.

The MACJC Legislative Workshop is scheduled for June 8 - 11, 2000.

A report on the transfer of industrial services inventory transfer from the State Department of Education to the SBCJC, and to the colleges was received.

\*The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m.

\*\*The meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

### Workforce Education

Mr. Walker reported on the State Workforce Development Council (SWDC) meeting held on April 12, 2000. Governor Ronnie Musgrove attended the meeting. A Best Practices Award was presented to Lazy Boy Manufacturing in Newton, Mississippi. Mr. Walker reported that the following SWDC Committees held meetings: 1) Improvement of Public School Graduates, 2) Obtaining Permanent Funding for Workforce Training, and 3) Educating the Legislature and Governor in Regard to the Workforce Education.

The SWDC heard a report on a joint federal/state funded project to aid manufacturing companies, the Mississippi Technology Extension Partnership. The project will bring cutting edge manufacturing processes to all manufacturing companies in our state by establishing a network of engineers to help companies develop "lean manufacturing" processes. The SWDC has asked that a committee be established to help facilitate ways to gain access to Mississippi companies that would benefit from the project. A committee meeting was set for May 2, 2000.

During the meeting, the Governor was presented a fact sheet of comments, observations, and recommendations of the SWDC (Exhibit I). The SWDC also requested that Mr. Walker write the Governor to further emphasize and convey the top priorities of the Council, permanent funding and workforce training consolidation. Mr. Walker distributed a copy of that letter dated April 14, 2000 (Exhibit J).

Mr. Walker also distributed a copy of a letter to the Federal Workforce Investment Act Chairman,

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Dwight Evans, also stating the priorities of the SWDC (Exhibit K).

Mr. Walker reported that the SWDC June meeting may be held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast at Stennis Navy Research Center, June 14, 2000. After a discussion, a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted to move the SBCJC June meeting to June 15, 2000, in connection with the SWDC meeting at Stennis Navy Research Center. Motion passed. (Voting Yes - Walker, Seal, Puckett, Collins, Terry, Hudspeth, Brown, and Junkin. Voting No - Fox and Heidel.)

#### Legislative Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher distributed a list of House and Senate Legislation for the Board's review (Exhibit L). He briefly highlighted bills having a direct effect on the SBCJC and community and junior colleges.

#### Proprietary School Report

Danny Seal updated the Board on the activities of the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration (Exhibit M). The Board viewed a presentation on Virginia College. Mr. Seal distributed a viewbook publication on Virginia College's program for the Board's information (Exhibit N).

#### Election of Officers

Chairman George Walker opened the floor for nominations for the office of SBCJC Chairman for the term beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001. Henry Hudspeth nominated George Walker for Chairman, seconded by Sara Fox. John Junkin moved the nominations cease and that Mr. Walker be accepted by acclamation, seconded by Joanna Heidel. The Board voted unanimously to elect George Walker Chairman.

Chairman George Walker opened the floor for nominations for the office of SBCJC Vice-Chairman for the term beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001. Sara Fox nominated John Junkin for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Patricia Puckett. Joanna Heidel moved that the nominations cease and that Mr. Junkin be accepted by acclamation, seconded by Sara Fox. The Board voted unanimously to elect John Junkin Vice-Chairman.

#### Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement of travel expenses for the following:

Joanna Heidel, Henry Hudspeth, and George Walker for attending a meeting with the MACJC presidents on April 12, 2000.

Hazel Terry for attending a District Workforce Council meeting in Mayhew on April 6, 2000.

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George Walker for attending meetings at Mississippi Delta Community College on April 4, and April 24, the State Workforce Development Council meeting on April 11-12, a hearing in Jackson on April 25, and a Technology meeting on May 2, 2000.

MSVCC Demonstration

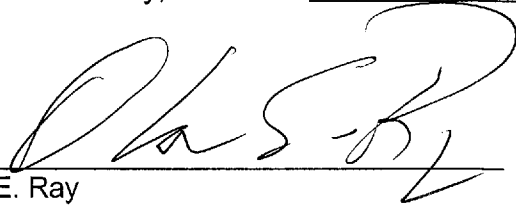
Ron Marcy gave an on-line demonstration of the Mississippi Virtual Community College for the members of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.



George Walker, Chairman



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Executive Director